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LETTER DATED 9 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated today, from my President to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency the Secretary-General of NATO, His Excellency the President of France, and His Excellency the President of the United States.

Pursuant to instructions from my President, may I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

Annex

For the past three days, Serb forces have been conducting a fierce offensive against the town of Bihac, one of the proclaimed United Nations safe havens, which has been under siege for 22 months now. The defence lines are in jeopardy of collapsing. If the Serbian forces were to break through these lines, the civilian population of Bihac would be exposed to the same massacres and atrocities that towns ethnically cleansed by Serb forces had suffered.

As the attention of the world focuses on Sarajevo, Serb forces are taking this opportunity to attack other parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, pursuing the same track of genocide.

We demand urgent action from United Nations and NATO to prevent a new catastrophe and ethnic cleansing, this time in another United Nations safe haven in Western Bosnia.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC
President